

Blue Ridge Radio Plays

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These books are recorded on two-track tapes, at 1 7/8 IPS. Switch the speed selector switch on your cassette player to 1 7/8 to listen to them. The Wizard of Oz

- CBC00319

L. Frank Baum

A young girl in Kansas is carried off by a tornado to the magical land of Oz. An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge

- CBC00337

Ambrose Bierce

Peyton Farquhar, a wealthy southern planter eager to help the southern cause during the Civil War, is caught by federal troops as he attempts to destroy Owl Creek Bridge. At the final moment of his execution, he dreams he has miraculously escaped. The Dreadful Dragon of Oz

- CBC00327

Hendrik Booraem

An original play, based on the characters created by L. Frank Baum, over 100 years ago. It is just three years ago today since Dorothy and her little dog Toto returned from the land of oz. Dorothy is now twelve. A new adventure awaits Dorothy and Toto, as they, Aunt Em and Uncle Henry head out for the state fair. Hamlet in Audio

- CBC00454

Hendrik Booraem.

An adaptation of William Shakespeare's classic story of the prince of Denmark. Louis Braille and the Baker's Daughter

- CBC00383

Hendrik Booraem and Arthur Jackson

This story is based on the life of Louis Braille who developed the writing system for the blind that now bears his name. He was born on January 4, 1809, in the French village of Couvray to Simon Braille, a harness maker and his wife. Due to an accident in his father's workshop, Louis was totally blind by age three. Molly O' - A Love Story

- CBC00332

Hendrik Booraem

In 1971, a young newspaper reporter interviews a 71-year-old lady who talks about her musical career in New York in the 1920s, and about the one true love of her life. Row for Your Life!

- CBC00366

Hendrik Booraem

A dramatic tale of survival based on the actual events of May 31, 1889, when the earthen dam above Johnstown, Pennsylvania collapsed, sweeping an estimated 2,200 individuals to their deaths. Wyatt's Wife

- CBC00368

Hendrik Booraem

San Francisco, 1859. Josie Marcus, the daughter of a prosperous San Francisco merchant, decides to run away from home with a band of itinerant actors. Their first stop is Los Angeles, and their last stop is Tombstone, Arizona, where she meets Wyatt Earp. This is the true story of the woman who became Wyatt's wife. Monkey Boy

- CBC00342

Joseph Conrad

The time is 1912 on board a steam ship loaded with Chinese laborers, just returning home after working seven years in the colonies. Among them is an assassin who plans to kill one of the ship's passengers. Santa Meets the Mob

- CBC00411

Jim Cort and Hendrik Booraem

A Santa down in the mall finds one million dollars in a briefcase under his Christmas tree. What he does with the money and where the mob comes in makes an interesting story. Present Laughter

- CBC00437

Noel Coward

In this delicious comedy, a gallery of friends, lovers, relatives and theatre acolytes buzz around stage star Garry Essendine like bubbles in fine champagne. While Garry struggles to plan his upcoming trip to Africa, his elegant London flat is invaded by a love struck ingenue, an adulterous producer and a married seductress--not to mention Garry's estranged wife and memorable Roland Maule, an aspiring playwright who is quite mad. The Bride Comes To Yellow Sky

- CBC00427

Stephen Crane

Stephen Crane's raucous yarn of the marshal, his new bride, and a low down varmint bent on shootin' up the town.

Three Strikes - You're Out

- CBC00341

Vernan Delston

A comedy-romance featuring a young man named Joe and his alter-ego, who doesn't always agree with the decisions

Joe makes regarding his life. Sidney Carton

- CBC00404

Charles Dickens

Based on a tale of two cities. Against the horrendous panorama of the French Revolution, Carton and his mirror image, Charles Darnay, play out a drama of love and hate, and supreme sacrifice. A Scandal in Bohemia

- CBC00403

Arthur Conan Doyle

A beautiful woman foils Sherlock Holmes, and gives the king of Bohemia some very difficult moments. The Sign of Four

- CBC00324

Arthur Conan Doyle

A dramatization of one of Arthur Conan Doyle's most famous Sherlock Holmes mysteries. Perplexing events, and a beautiful woman with whom Dr. Watson falls in love, makes for unforgettable action. Silver Blaze

- CBC00388

Arthur Conan Doyle

Sherlock Holmes appears to be baffled by the disappearance of a famous race horse and the murder of his trainer.

Baffled?...never! A Study in Scarlet

- CBC00426

Arthur Conan Doyle

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story of how Holmes and Watson meet for the first time and are plunged into a murder mystery with no murder weapon. Insomnia!

- CBC00340

Elspeth Eric

A woman whose husband recently left her for a younger woman finds it impossible to sleep at night because of the solitude. She tries many remedies before finding comfort in sleep. The Young Man from Atlanta

- CBC00438

Horton Foote

In 1950's Houston, an affluent couple is transformed by tragedy when their son dies under mysterious circumstances and the husband loses his job of 40 years. 1995 Pulitzer Prize winner. Jury of Her Peers

- CBC00331

Susan Glaspell

Nebraska, 1917, before those rural areas had electricity or telephones. John Wright, a man no one likes, has been strangled to death in bed. His wife says she was asleep next to him, and heard nothing. Two women uncover clues about what probably happened. How Santa Claus Came To Simpson's Bar

- CBC00336

Bret Harte

California - 1851. A group of miners pool their money to play Santa Claus to a sickly child who has never before experienced Christmas. Based on a story by O. Henry. The Gift of the Magi

- CBC00320

O. Henry

A young, newly married couple face their first Christmas together with no money. Each decides to sell a personal possession in order to buy the other a Christmas present. The results are ironic and sad. Jeff Peters as a Personal Magnet

- CBC00333

O. Henry

Comedy about a con man with considerable ingenuity, but not a whole lot of luck. In this story, Jeff tries to sell some 'snake oil' to a small-town druggist in rural Arkansas around the turn of the century. Jeff Peters vs. Matrimony

- CBC00365

O. Henry

Based on a short story by O. Henry, this is the hilarious tale of two con men who almost lose their "hard-earned" money when they engage the services of a recently widowed lady in one of their schemes. Look Out For Jimmy Valentine

- CBC00345

O. Henry

Indiana, early 1900s. Jimmy Valentine was a bank robber who roamed the state of Indiana. This is a tale of Jimmy's last days as a crook. The Ransom of Red Chief

- CBC00409

O. Henry

Two con-men get more than they bargain for when they kidnap the 12-year-old son of a small town banker in Summit, Alabama. The Spectre Bridegroom

- CBC00317

Washington Irving

In Germany of the late 1700s, an arranged marriage between two noble families goes awry when the bridegroom fails to appear for the wedding. The bride, thinking she has been jilted, is devastated. At last, much to everyone's relief, the groom appears. However, all is not well, for the groom must rush off to a funeral -- his own! The Brightest and the Best

- CBC00326

Phillip E. Johnson

http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov

This radio drama is a Christmas play based on an old North Carolina legend about "Old Christmas." It is a fable about dreams, and the little girl who learns to believe in them. Phantom of the Opera

- CBC00325

Gaston Leroux

In the dark underground labyrinth of the majestic Paris opera house lurks a phantom obsessed by love. A love for which he will do anything, even murder. Paris is buzzing with the news of the fateful and fatal events taking place on and off stage. A beautiful young singer is the only person who knows the awful truth and her fate lies in the hands of a creature with a terrible secret. Lovers

- CBC00398

David Levy

The mountains of western Montana - 1883. Our hero, Simon Guthrie, is no dude, and eve is no Katharine Hepburn. But she loves Simon - a lot. The problem is that ward - a bully and a mean drunk - is stuck on eve. It is an explosive triangle.

The Necklace

- CBC00318

Guy De Maupassant

In nineteenth century Paris, a discontented young wife borrows her rich friend's necklace to go to a ball. She loses it and sacrifices the best years of her life to buy a replacement. A famous surprise ending. The Pussy Cat and the Expert

Plumber Who Was a Man

- CBC00360

Arthur Miller

Mr. Thomas, a cat, wrecks havoc when he reveals to his owners that he can speak and read English! He further surprises them when he announces that he wants to run for mayor. The Imaginary Invalid

- CBC00440

Moliere

France's master comic playwright has a field day with the subjects of hypochondria and our blind obedience to doctors. Moliere's witty attack on the medical profession has more than a little resonance today. American Appetites

- CBC00462

Joyce Carol Oates

LA Theatre Works' dramatization of Joyce Carol Oates' best-selling novel portrays a close-knit group of prestigious scholars in the affluent 1980's blown apart by tragedy and scandal. Anna Christie

- CBC00436

Eugene O'Neill

A symbolic play about the daughter of a Swedish boat captain, a cynical young woman who falls in love with a brawny Irish seaman. When she confesses that she worked as a prostitute in Minnesota for a time, both her father and her lover repudiate her. The play won a Pulitzer Prize in 1922. Goldie: The Story of a Girl Who Couldn't Get Her Fellow to Say Yes

- CBC00347

Louis Pelletier

Miami Beach - early 1930s. This is a story about a couple of conmen (Phil and Eddie) and a girl named Goldie. The trouble begins when the two men argue about whether or not to ditch Goldie. Eddie is convinced Goldie wants to marry his partner Phil - and thereby spoil the whole setup. Help Wanted

- CBC00367

Louis Pelletier

An original crime comedy about the revere placement service whose business is to place "servants" in wealthy homes and then rob them. The Law of Averages

- CBC00396

Louis Pelletier

This story is about a phony lawyer who peddles his services using phony wills. The world-wide detective agency catches up to him just before a lady is relieved of her life savings. The Nobility Pitch

- CBC00397

Louis Pelletier

Two English types are in the business of swindling rich Americans by posing as royalty, and getting them involved in a gambling adventure. Sleight of Hand

- CBC00382

Louis Pelletier

A mystery involving the world wide detective agency and its retired vice-president for operations, Bill Pritchard. Set in Big Oak, Missouri during the summer of 1954. Harry Gomez, a known criminal, has just won a large bingo prize and a local policeman is very suspicious. The Star Boarder

- CBC00364

Louis Pelletier

Set in Allenville, Ohio, 1950s. Mrs. Naylor runs a boarding house in this small, Ohio town. She is very suspicious of one of her boarders, Mr. Hanson. Prowling in his room, Mrs. Naylor discovers that her boarder is a much-wanted bank robber. Thinking she can profit by her knowledge, Mrs. Naylor attempts to blackmail the boarder, only to have the tables turned on her. Triple A Credit

- CBC00361

Louis Pelletier

Betty White stars in this comedy about a little old lady in her mid-fifties who just happens to be a thief! Tycoon

- CBC00425

Louis Pelletier

An original work by Louis Pelletier, in which a swindler figures out a way to beat the market, and a few unsuspecting investors as well. The Cask of Amontillado

- CBC00338

Edgar Allan Poe

Florence, Italy 1700s. Two Florentine nobles vie for the hand of a wealthy woman from Milan, with terrifying results.

Tobermory

- CBC00348

Saki

This is a comedy about a cat (Tobermory) who knows too much for his own good! Set in long island during the roaring 1920s, a "professor" claims he can teach the family cat to talk! The cat's owners are afraid of what the talking cat will reveal! The Shooting of Dan McGrew

- CBC00429

Robert W. Service

Love and betrayal in Alaska as portrayed in this adaptation of Service's famous poem. The Devil's Disciple

- CBC00359

George Bernard Shaw

New England, 1777. Dick Dudgeon, a reprobate, allows himself, to his own surprise, to be arrested and sentenced to death in place of Parson Anderson. The parson, too, finds a new side to his personality, when he leads an armed band to fight the British and save Dick. Animal Tales

- CBC00387

Thrice Told Storytellers

A collection of stories taken from African and African American oral traditions, performed by the thrice told storytellers. The play is intended primarily for younger audiences. The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County

- CBC00323

Mark Twain

The scene is a mining camp in the Gold Rush. Smiley is a betting man. But, when he bets with a stranger on his trained frog, he learns a sad lesson about human nature. The Million Pound Note

- CBC00402

Mark Twain

A penniless young American is stranded in London. He is handed an envelope containing a bank note worth one million pounds. An American Daughter

- CBC00463

Wendy Wasserstein

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright spins a comic and moving tale about the pitfalls that await female political appointees. On the Eve of Dr. Lyssa Dent Hughs' nomination as Surgeon General, a witty and dangerous cast of characters stir the calm waters of her Georgetown home. And when sexy "post-feminist" Quincy Quince enters the picture, even Lyssa's husband Walter can't be trusted. Afterward

- CBC00328

Edith Wharton

Time: 1910. An American mother arrives in Dorset, England, to care for her daughter Mary, who has fallen ill - but not physically. Something strange has been going on in the house, and Mary thinks she has seen a ghost. Pretty Fire

- CBC00439

Charlayne Woodard

In five autobiographical vignettes, Charlayne Woodard tells the moving and inspirational tale of her African American family through three generations of love, struggle, and triumph. A one-woman tour de force.